

AT LAST.

The returning boards of Louisiana and Florida have decided that the votes of those states shall be cast for Hayes and Wheeler, and the presidential contest therefore seems to be settled, so far as the constituted authorities can settle it. There can be no further difficulty unless it is caused by reckless democrats, and any revolutionary efforts of theirs will be quickly nipped in the bud. Rutherford B. Hayes, having received the requisite number of votes, will be inaugurated president on the fourth of March next, and the country may as well settle down to business.

Thank God, the long agony is over.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The president's message was delivered to both houses of congress yesterday. It is a brief but comprehensive document, and, contrary to general expectation, makes no mention of the election complications. We had made arrangements to issue the message in supplement form to-day, but find it impossible to do so. However, we may yet be able to circulate it on the streets this evening.

The London Times has more judgment and common sense than many newspapers nearer home. It scorns the idea that the President's orders for a movement of troops were intended to subvert civil government with military force, and says that they were "designed merely to preserve the peace in the contested States."

The New Orleans State, a journalistic representative of the long-suffering, law-abiding, meek democracy of the south, says:

The democracy of this country are not a set of sheep. They embody the principal fighting element of the population. Were hostilities to break out to-day, republican resistance would be scattered to the winds in a month; but besides the fighting capacity, they monopolize also, the principal military of the country.

A striking exhibition of a meek and peaceful temper, that isn't it?

A PREDICTION.—President Grant said to a New England Senator on Monday last that he counts the days that must pass before the expiration of his term of office as he counted the days that must pass before he would graduate during his last year at West Point. He added: "Less than 100 days of Presidential service remain, but I confidently expect that before half of those days will have passed this troublesome question will have been settled, and settled in such a way as to command the support of the people."

An Arkansas farmer, while plowing, lost his pocket book. Next year he unearthed it, and sent the contents, which were a hundred dollar note, a five and a twenty, to the treasury at Washington for identification. The pocket book was of leather, covered with mold, but the legal tenders within had suffered from frost and rain, and there were only a few black crumbs instead of the fresh, crisp bank notes. They were intrusted to a lady who is a great expert, and who by her knowledge and patience separated the particles and stuck them on paper with mucilage, proving they were notes of the National Bank of Baltimore, Maryland. The notes were redeemed, and the farmer lost not a cent.

The assembling of Congress, the publication of the President's message and the reports of the heads of Departments, with the meeting of the Electors of the States on Wednesday, to declare the vote for the Presidency, will make this week of extraordinary political interest. So far as the States are concerned, we shall know which of the presidential candidates has the odd vote required to elect, and if Congress has no more than a ministerial duty to perform in February, namely: To see that the returns made by the Electors are honestly declared by the president of the Senate, we shall know, after Wednesday, who is the president-elect, and have time to adapt ourselves to the new situation. There are symptoms of a revolutionary purpose on the part of the Democrats, should Tilden not receive the requisite vote, to assume extra-constitutional powers for the sake of setting aside the returns from South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana, and there will undoubtedly be a stormy time in Congress when the question comes up, but it is our best hope that the good sense of the people may make itself felt in so decisive a way that the rampant politicians will be convinced of the sound policy of submitting to the verdict of the Electoral college, whether it be for Tilden or Hayes. They are not yet ready to assist in setting up the Mexican policy of settling disputed elections, for anarchy or the outcome of that, with a military despotism, as the only remedy in the end. Any way but that.

A TEST.

Hon. W. E. Chandler writes to the New York Tribune from Tallahassee, Florida, as follows:

"I would like to employ any person who disbelieves in the story of Southern outrages, and believes in the security of person and life at the South, to visit as an agent of the Republican State Central Committee, the county of Polk, which is now reported at 450 Democratic votes to 5 Republican votes, and obtain for that Committee exact copies of the county and precinct records of the late election. He might do it disguised as a Democratic emissary, or with a pass signed S. Pasco, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee; but if he went as a Republican, the Life Insurance Company having a policy on him would soon have it to pay. However much the returns from that county may have been fraudulently raised, I do not see what the Republicans can do about it, unless the persons who go there are attended by United States troops, and this remark is also true of several counties in the State."

THE NEW YORK NATION SAYS

"A failure to elect must not be treated as an election; a result tainted by fraud must be rejected as no result at all. No matter what is done or attempted to be done in Louisiana or in Florida, nothing can take it out of the power of any single member of any one of the republican electoral colleges to cut the knot of fatal circumstances which the ugly passions of interested men are so rapidly tightening about us. A disputed election is imminent, he can convert it into a failure to elect. The first is chaos; the last is law. We do not hesitate to say—and in saying it we speak advisedly—that the elector who would in this emergency thus assert the original independence of his office might safely count on the support of a vast number of the most thinking and influential members of either party. It would by them be accounted as a blessed deliverance from a dreaded public calamity."

It has never dawned upon the editor of the Nation that the state of Connecticut was carried by fraud for the democrats and the state of Mississippi by a system of terrorism, and that without the votes of these states Tilden would be hopelessly defeated. And yet there is never a democratic suggestion of sensitiveness touching the painfulness of swindling or intimidation that yields to that party electoral votes. It happens, however, that in three southern states prosecutions have been taken to prevent such colonization as carried Connecticut, and such violence as prevailed in Mississippi, from defeating the will of a majority of the people of those states. It pleases the Nation and other newspapers that assume an ungodly monopoly of public virtue to speak of a result influenced by the application of the legal remedies for fraud, as "tainted by fraud."

As for "cutting the knot of fatal circumstances" which interferes with the election of the democratic reformer to the presidency, the republican elector who throws away his vote in order to turn the election into the house, must accept a responsibility and shoulder a notoriety that will be the reverse of agreeable. It would be better, because more manly to vote for Tilden directly. It has not, we believe, occurred to any Tilden electors—those of New Jersey, Indiana, Connecticut or New York—that they would help their country out of a disastrous muddle of the disputed presidency by voting for Hayes. Behind all suggestions of peace making from the democracy, is the stupid and offensive presumption that the democratic party is the great and only party of salvation, and that perjury, fraud and murder in its cause are consecrated, while republican offenders are very improper indeed. —*Cin. Commercial*

The New York Herald again quakes before the spark of Caesarism, in lieu of once more turning loose the wild animals in Central Park, it resorts to make again the sensation. Of all the theatrical properties and stage machinery stowed away in the Herald's loft, there is none that in the full glare of the blue lights had so long and successful a run. Though for a fact more people laughed at the spook than were terrified by it, all enjoyed it, and with one accord declared it the very spookiest of spooks, and when young Mr. Bennett came home from a polo match and ordered the spook to be sent to the garret, there was weeping among the gods in the gallery. And now for the delectation of us all the Herald turns on the blue lights again, in the glare of which the spook is made to dance as of old. It is not a third term to which Grant aspires, but the Empire itself. And he boldly plans counting Hayes in, that Hayes may not be counted in, but that there may be a disturbance over it when Grant will hold on and hold over to enter upon the role of Caesar. After Grant has had Hayes counted in, explains the Herald, "it is by no means a wild expectation that the Democratic House of Representatives will resist, and President Grant can then give such a shape to the controversy as will afford him a pretext for keeping possession of the Government until another Presidential election. If there should be a pretense of one, the Caesar at Washington would manage to have the present difficulties come up again to afford him the same excuse for not relaxing his grasp,"—which apparition of this bloody-minded Caesar, Grant, who would count Hayes in that Hayes might not be counted in, is enough to make patriots' hair stand on end. But then this is doubtless the last appearance of the Herald's spook of Caesarism.

Gentle's Christmas Slippers, at Ferris' Shoe Store. dec1-dif

O'CONNOR ON GRANT.

The average democrat has two bugbears—a Federal soldier being one and Ulysses S. Grant the other. The sight of a blue coat sends a chill of horror to the heart of the Bourbon, but the very thought of Grant fairly makes him froth at the mouth. The relation between cause and effect, in these two instances, is "one of those things no fellow can find out," but that the one produces the other has been demonstrated too often to require any proof at this late day.

We have said that "the average democrat" is the victim of these strange hallucinations, and as the "average" democrat is not only high in the scale of intelligence his peculiarity in this regard might be overlooked or attributed to his characteristic narrowness of mind, but when the great lights of the party show signs of the same weakness the idiosyncrasy becomes alarming. The St. Louis Globe Democrat of yesterday contains the following letter from Charles O'Connor to a gentleman of that city, which the editor assures his readers was copied from the original manuscript:

FOR WASHINGTON, N. Y., Nov. 29.—DEAR SIR: Gibbon says there is a vital difference in the consequences of a foreign and a civil war. "The former is the external warmth of summer—always tolerable and sometimes beneficial; the latter is the deadly heat of fever, which consumes, without remedy, the vitals of the constitution."

I do not think opinions of a judicial nature concerning the law or the constitution of any consequence. The drunken democrat whom the republicans dragged out of the Galena gutter, besmeared with the blood of his countrymen slain in a domestic broil, and lifted to a high pedestal as the Moloch of their worship, rules, and, until a great change in sentiment takes place, must continue to rule over the prostrate ruins of Washington's republic. That republic perished on the day that McDowell moved "on to Richmond."

Yours truly,

CH. O'CONNOR.

Who now will say that the Bourbons selected the wrong man, when, in 1872, they chose O'Connor as their standard bearer?

A POINT WELL TAKEN.—May we respectfully inquire what Maj. Gen. Gordon, late of the Confederate army, now a United States Senator from Georgia, has to do with all the protests and cards and proclamations issued in South Carolina? If Morton or Blaine were down there signing documents with Chamberlain, what a yell we should hear from the Democracy! —*Alton Telegraph*

Don't Forget that you can save some money if you want to buy a watch and chain, a handsome set of jewelry, or anything in the jewelry line, at J. L. Knicker's, 24 Merchant street. Nov. 29 d&wt

The Handsomest Camp Chairs in town are at Ashby's, opera block. Nov. 27 d&wt

COLUMBUS, S. C., Dec. 5.—The democratic house has gained two more from the republican house, with certificates of the board of canvassers, making 62, and lacking only one of the constitutional quorum. Both houses are in session, also the senate. Troops are being removed and special constables now supply their places. This morning special constables replaced the troops at the entrance of the state house, and acted under the orders of Chamberlain. The troops are still retained as a protection to the governor.

The senate and house, in joint session, after the passage of a concurrent resolution, canvassed the gubernatorial vote. Edgfield and Laurens counties, which gave Hampton 4,300 majority, were first thrown out, when the democratic senators retired. The canvass showed Chamberlain elected by 3,044 votes, when the houses adjourned. It is expected Chamberlain will be inaugurated to-morrow. The democrats are still in session, with a membership of 62 who hold certificates from the state board. Hampton spoke, this evening, declaring he intended to be governor.

The Supreme Court heard arguments on the application for a mandamus compelling the secretary of state to deliver the returns to Speaker Wallace. The papers were taken under advisement. Arguments in quo warranto, requiring the republican electors to show by what authority they cast the vote will be heard, to-morrow, when the electors meet.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 5.—At a meeting of presidential electors, to-night, Solace was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by his own resignation.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 5.—It is reported the republican presidential electors will meet here, to-morrow, and cast their vote for Hayes.

ALBANY, Dec. 5.—The electoral college organized, to-day, with ex-Gov. Seymour, president. Thomas H. Hall, one of the electors, being absent, the vacancy was filled by the election of Alex. R. Gov. Tilden entertained the electors, this evening.

OMAHA, Dec. 5.—After a full hearing, Judge Savage refused to grant an injunction restraining the republican electors from casting their votes.

TELEGRAPHIC.

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Special Dispatch

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, 10 30 A. M.—The following has just been received: Tallahassee, Dec. 6.—Count just finished. Hayes's majority is 930. The republicans elect governor, lieutenant governor and both members of congress All quiet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Tribune's correspondent at Columbia, telegraphs under date of the 4th, as follows: All day special trains have been arriving, bringing bodies of armed men, nearly all rifles. They have their blankets rolled around their necks, and their haversacks slung, and they look very little different from confederate soldiers with whom we were once so familiar. They have been quartered in the spacious fair ground buildings, and in the public halls of the town. There are only about four hundred soldiers in the city, and not less than three thousand members of rifle clubs are here.

Gov. Chamberlain, in a summary of the situation which he telegraphs the Tribune, says it is not true, as stated, that any persons held certificates of election from the supreme court. The court on application, refused to issue any certificates. What the persons from Edgfield and Laurens hold, are mere evidences from the clerk of that court, that the court made an order requiring the canvassers and secretary of state to do what they have never done. If such papers are said to be valid certificates of election, pending the judgment of courts and lawyers. The democratic members holding valid certificates refused, Tuesday, doubtless under advice of Senator Gordon, and our democratic strangers, to go into the house, because their friends from Edgfield and Laurens counties, without certificates, were refused admittance. No impediment other than this was placed in their way by any civil or military officer. The house now presided over by Mackey was organized with sixty present holding certificates of the state, based on the action of the canvassers, 59 of whom voted on the election of speaker. This is a majority of the 116, the whole number holding certificates of the secretary of state.

The body presided over by Wallace has never had more than 57 persons holding certificates of the secretary of state, less than a majority of the 116. The republicans desire a speedy and peaceful settlement of the present difficulties, but they will never, with my consent, yield one hair's breadth of their legal rights to secure peace, especially under the present mockers of South Carolina democracy. I have fought corruption in my own party and shall not flinch before violence in the democratic party.

The Tribune has a telegram under the caption "A democratic view of affairs" which closes thus: The democrats are confident of success. Speeches were made to-night, (Monday) by Wade Hampton and other democratic speakers full of spirit, but counseling peace. The city is full of armed democrats, and many are arriving by every train. The democrats will not fire a shot unless under orders to sustain the supreme court.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 5.—The declaration of the returning board gives the lowest Hayes elector 3,437 majority and the highest 4,867, and it is understood the entire republican state ticket is elected by 3,500; and a majority in the legislature. At 5:30 p. m., to-day the secretary of state personally served on Governor Kellogg the following notification: New Orleans, Dec. 5, 1876. I, P. G. Deslorme, secretary of state of the state of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the returning officers of election, held in said state on the 7th day of November, A. D. 1876, have returned to me as secretary of state, according to law, the following persons as duly elected electors of president and vice president of the United States for the state of Louisiana, at such election, to-wit: for the state at large, Wm. P. Kellogg, J. Henri Burch. For first district, Peter Joseph, Second L. R. Sheldon, Third Morris Marks, Fourth A. B. Levesque, Fifth Orlando H. Brewster, Sixth, Oscar Jefferson.

Signed, P. G. DESLORME, Secretary of State.

Accompanying this certificate was a statement as follows: We, the undersigned returning officers, pursuant to the authority vested in us by act No. 98, approved November 20th, A. D. 1874, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct compilation of the vote cast at the election for electors for president and vice president of the United States, held on the 7th day of November, A. D. 1876.

The following persons were duly and lawfully elected, to-wit: Wm P Kellogg, J H Borch, Peter Joseph, Lionel A Sheldon, Moses Marks, Aaron B Levesque, Orlando H Brewster, Oscar Jefferson. On the vote for governor and lieutenant governor, the total is, S P Packard, 74,624. Francis P Nickolls 71,198; for lieutenant governor, C C Antonio 74,669, L Wiltz 70,191.

The clerks of the returning officers, proceeded to examine, canvass and compute the statements of votes purporting to have been cast in this state at the general election held on the 7th day of November last. The votes purporting to be cast in the parishes of Grant and East Feliciana have been ignored entirely in the official canvass. In Grant parish not one form of law was observed. There were no legal supervisors or commissioners of election, and the vote taken was as informal as the votes taken on railroad trains. In East Feliciana the returning officers were unable to find one poll at which, on the evidence before them, they could certify that a full, free and fair election was had, under the writ of election, promulgated September 16, 1876, ordering the same and we hereby declare that in the parish of East Baton Rouge, the returning officers canvassed and compiled votes of three polls situated in the city of Baton Rouge, where there was military protection afforded, and also three other polls situated on the river where there was comparative immunity from intimidation. Evidence as to intimidation was so strong that the returning officers unanimously rejected the votes stated to have been cast at these polls. In the adjoining parish of West Feliciana, the statement of the votes cast at six polls were rejected on similar conclusive evidence. In the parish of Ouachita, eight polls were rejected, while of Monroe, statements of votes cast were accepted, because the voters there were protected by troops. United States marshal, in charge of the ballot box at the rejected polls was shot, and throughout the parish there prevailed a systematic intimidation toward one class of voters, of such character as to have scarcely a parallel even in the history of this state.

In the adjoining parish of Morehouse the statements of votes reported to be cast in six polls were rejected on similar evidence. The polls were rejected in the parishes of Desoto, Bossier, Franklin, Claiborne, and Calcasieu, upon clear evidence of fraud, not rebutted by evidence of fraud before the returning officer.

Signed by J. Madison Wells, Thomas R. Anderson, Cassanane, and Louis M. Kenner.

The clerks had not, up to midnight, completed duplicate copies of returns for promulgation in the official journal. It is understood, however, that the four republican congressmen, viz: Darrell, 3d district; Smith, 4th; Leonard, 5th; West, 6th, had been returned elected, and Gibson, democrat, 1st district. Returns call for all these officers, state and congressional to be promulgated to-morrow.

The subjoined statement of grounds acted upon, were obtained from counsel of the returning board. The returning board of the state of Louisiana, claim first, that under the provisions of the law, they are returning officers of all elections held in said state; that there are in law and in fact, no returns of any election held in said state until first examined, canvassed and compiled by them; that statements furnished by commissioners of election, are simply statements of votes purporting to have been cast, and that until the fairness and legality of voting at any poll or precincts have been passed upon by the returning officers, no validity attaches to any such statements.

The republican electoral college meets to-morrow. The democratic electors will also meet and cast their votes. They will, it is stated, obtain certificates from McKeary, de jure governor. The democrats claim that two of the republican electors are ineligible, A. B. Levesque being at the time of election United States commissioner, and O. H. Brewster being commissioner of the land office.

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and Wood.
Nov. 28 d&w
Domestic Paper Fashions, the best
patterns in America, sold at M. Gold-
burg's. Catalogues free.
May 2 d&w

THE BOOT STEALING.
The men who have been arrested for
breaking into Mr. Shatzer's shoe store
and stealing therefrom some boots, in
reference to which is made in another
place, are named respectively: Milla
Burns and John Chirone. It seems
that these men, upon their arrest, re-
quested to be taken to the front room
of the first ward calaboose on Monday
night. About three o'clock on Tuesday
morning Officers Pringle and Gordon
passed Shatzer's store on their way up-
town, and noticed that the door was al-
right. On their return half an hour la-
ter they noticed that the front door of
the store in question had been forced
open. They went inside and saw that a
box in which boots had been packed
had been interfered with. They went
on to the calaboose, where they discov-
ered that the two men now under ar-
rest had each a new pair of boots on his
feet. This excited their suspicion, and
the two men were put in the calaboose
prop r, and the key turned on them.
Upon returning to the store the hatchet,
belonging to the calaboose was found
inside, where it had been left by who-
ever forced open the door. This was
regarded as conclusive proof that some-
one from the calaboose had committed
the burglary. Upon Mr. Shatzer com-
ing to his store on Tuesday morning he
found that ten pairs of his boots, which
had been packed in a box preparatory
to moving to another store, had been
taken. Yesterday afternoon Burns and
Chirone were taken before Justice
Hughes, where they denied having
stolen the boots, and said that they
came by them in the following manner:
They, with some others, were sleeping
in the front room of the calaboose, the
outside door of which was not locked.
About four o'clock they got up and left
the building, going to the depot to take
the train for St. Louis. Finding that
the train had left, they started back
toward the calaboose, when they no-
ticed two men hurrying in a westerly
direction with several pairs of boots in
their possession. In their hurry these
men dropped two pairs of the boots,
which were picked up by Burns and
Chirone and appropriated to their use.
This is the manner in which they ac-
cused for having the boots on. The
court thought the explanation rather
"too thin," and accordingly held the
men under bail of \$250 each. They
were committed to jail.
A Cold Bed.—Last night officer Wil-
kinson found a man by the name of
Martin McCune lying on the walk near
Rucker, Hammer & Co.'s Bank, in a
nearly frozen condition, the being too
drunk to walk. The officer at once took
the man in charge and lodged him in
the calaboose. This morning Justice
Hughes assessed a fine of three dollars
and costs.
The same officer picked up another
man in a similar condition by the name
of Patrick Sullivan, whom he also gave
lodgings in the calaboose. From this
man he learned that he had a team
hitched to the rack east of the park,
which was hauled up, and the horses
put in the stable for safe keeping until
morning. Sullivan was also brought
before Justice Hughes, where he was
treated to the usual three dollars pen-
alty. The unfortunate man is a well-to-
do farmer, but has a weakness for "ben-
zine" whenever he comes to town.
A Pleasant Surprise.—Last evening
about thirty young people met at the
residence of Mr. Wayne, on East Carro
Gordo street, and repaired in a body to
the residence of Mr. Bell, on East
Eldorado street, for the purpose of sur-
prising Miss Blanche Merrimon, a sister
of Mrs. Bell, who was there on a visit.
The surprise was complete; but the
hostess soon regained her self-possession
and entertained her guests in the most
agreeable manner. Charades and other
amusements entertained the party dur-
ing the evening, and everything passed
off in the most pleasant manner. At a
seasonable hour the company separated,
with very pleasant recollections of the
occasion.
Wanted, a furnished room, near the
square. Address, at postoffice.
Dec. 6 d&w BELLE HENSON.
Lost, yesterday, on the street, by a
poor widow, a pocket-book containing
a sum of money. The finder will receive
the thanks of the undersigned and her
four helpless children, by leaving it at
the southwest corner of Franklin and
William streets. LORISA CONNER.
Dec 6 d&w
We will Endorse all you Say.—If all
the Charter Oaks now in use are as
good as the one we have used for nearly
twenty years, you can recommend them
with entire confidence, and we will en-
dorse all you say, having thoroughly
tested their many excellent qualities,
we are pleased to say that it is absolutely
without a fault or imperfection, and a
marvel of economy and neatness.
Just Received for the Holidays, a
splendid lot of Gloves, at
Dec 6 d&w RACE'S.
Madame Foy's Skirt-supporting
Corsets; Moody's Adjustable Corsets,
and Bortree's Adjustable Duplex Cor-
sets, very cheap, at
oct19 d&w LINN & SCRUGGS.
Rooms and Boarding.—Two desir-
able rooms and boarding with a private
family can be secured at No. 18 East
William street. [dec1 d&w
Lyon's Kathalron makes beautiful,
glossy, luxuriant hair, prevents falling
out or turning gray. It has stood the
test of 40 years. Is charmingly perfum-
ed, and has no rival.
March 10, 1876—dec d&w

CIRCUIT COURT.
December 22, 1876.
TUESDAY, DEC. 5
Court convened at 8 o'clock a.m.
Judge C. B. Smith presiding.
The following cases were called and
disposed of as indicated below:
GRAND JURY DOCKET.
Leah Kain and Mary Kain vs. Martin
P. Murphy and James H. Alexander;
return non. Dismissed as per agreement
on file.
Stanley & Barnwell vs. Leonard F.
Muzzy (et al), mechanic's lien. Dismissed
as per agreement on file.
COMMON LAW DOCKET.
Robert V. Simpson vs. Walter Pope
and Fanny F. Simpson; trespass. Dis-
missed by plaintiff.
Harvey Pasco vs. Charles W. Aiken;
appeal. Appeal dismissed.
Charles W. Aiken vs. Henry Kain and
Harvey Pasco; trespass. Dismissed by
plaintiff as to Pasco.
Samuel S. Jack vs. Juliette T. Kim-
ball and Gustavus F. Kimball; attach-
ment. To be dismissed by plaintiff.
Clemens W. Mullins vs. James Ben-
nett; appealant. To be dismissed.
John McDonald vs. John A. Dean;
dispute for rent. Dismissed as per
agreement on file.
PEOPLE'S DOCKET.
The People vs. Mary A. Page; keep-
ing house of ill-fame. Stricken from
docket.
Same vs. Peter Flynn; larceny.—
Defendant defaulted.
Same vs. Duennay Dubois; assault to
inflict bodily injury. Nolle entered.
Same vs. Patrick Ryan; larceny.—
Continued with alias.
Same vs. John Kinsahl; resisting an
officer. Indictment quashed.
Same vs. Patrick Ryan; robbery.—
continued with alias.
Same vs. Luby Dugger, recognizance
to keep the peace. Defendant defaulted.
Same vs. Nancy J. Dickey; recogniz-
ance to keep the peace. Defendant
defaulted.
Adjourned to 2 o'clock on Wednes-
day morning.
MARRIED.
In Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 5, 1876, by
Dr. E. W. Moore, Mr. EDWARD W.
WOOD and Miss BETTIE PRATHER, both
of this city.
PERSONAL MENTION.
Judge C. B. Smith made the Repub-
lican office a pleasant call to-day.
Mrs. Ellen C. Roach, who has been
absent from the city visiting friends in
Kentucky for about six months, has re-
turned in improved health.
Railroad Items.—The Illinois Central
Telegraph office at the depot was to-day
moved to the room in the south end of
the depot building adjoining the bag-
gage room. This move is a good one,
and Morris and Gibson are as "snug as
a bug in a rug" in their neat, clean
office. The old room on the corner will
be occupied as a waiting and reading
room for travellers.
Travel is "picking up," so say the
railroad officials and hotel proprietors.
The ties and iron of the street railway
are laid up to the bagging factory. With
two weeks earlier start the cars would
have been running to the old square at
this time. Now the ground is frozen so
hard that work has, of necessity, been
stopped until a thaw occurs.
Travelers will note the change of time
on the different roads, which took effect
on Monday list, or they are liable to be
left.
Trade and traffic on the "levees" is as
quiet as in any other part of the city.
Librarian's Report for November.
Number of books loaned, 2,339
Number of books returned, 1,701
Number of visitors registered in
library and reading room, 4,258
Average number per day, 170
No. of reg'd borrowers to Dec 1, 1,800
Fines, etc., \$5.11.
R. L. EVANS, Librarian.
Pike, the Jeweler, keeps the best
Spectacles in the city, and sells them at
reasonable price. [sept 1 d&w
Wonderful!—At the Tea Store they
give five pounds of excellent brown
coffee, already ground, for one dollar,
and 42 and 44 pounds of the best Rio for
one dollar.
dec 1 d&w
No Person must fail to go and look at
the holiday display of time watches,
clocks, jewelry and silverware, at Curtis
& Righter's, as their stock will be the
most complete in the city, and their
prices such as to pay you to go and see
them. Don't fail to see for yourselves
before you buy anything in their line.
Dec 4 d&w
All kinds of fresh candies manufac-
tured daily at J. J. Drake's, Opera
Block. oct9 d&w
40 Acres of Good Pasture for Rent.—
About two miles northwest of Decatur,
with running water. This pasture has
had no stock on it this season, and is in
excellent condition. For particulars
apply at this office. [June 2 d&w
Madame Demorest's Winter Pat-
terns just received at LINN & SCRUGGS.
Call for a Journal of Fashion.
Nov. 21 d&w
Fresh Bread, Cakes, Rusks and Buns
at J. J. Drake's, Opera Block. [9 d&w
Elegant new styles Hoopskirts and
Panniers, especially adapted to the pre-
sent style of cloaks and other garments,
at Linn & Scruggs. [oct19 d&w

Safe-Speedy Sure.
The rapidity and certainty with which
Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry
and Horehound cures diseases of the re-
spiratory organs, and its reliability as a
remedy for consumption, long ago se-
cured for it a foremost rank among me-
dicines of its class. It is in fact the
recognized specific for that fatal and bron-
chial disorder. It promptly checks a
cough, no matter of how long standing,
and affords great relief in cases of asth-
ma. It should not be mistaken for a
mere palliation, since it not only affords
immediate relief, but also removes all
traces of the malady. It is a specific for
croup. Trial size, 10 cents. Large
size 25 cents and One Dollar.
Sold by Dr. J. Storer, Decatur.
Also agent for Prof. Parker's Pleasant
Worm Syrup, which never fails. Pleas-
ant to take, and requires no physic.—
Price 25 cents. [Dec 4 d&w
The Noblest Yet.—We have just
received a lot of the prettiest and most
fashionable styles of letter and note head
paper, some of which are entirely new.
Call and see our styles, for we cannot
fail to suit the most fastidious.
For the best and cheapest Corset in the
market, call at
Nov 28 d&w THEO. A. GERMANN'S.
GERMAN ENGLISH SCHUL-VEREIN.
Concordia Hall, South Main-St.
DAY SCHOOL.
German in the morning; English and
translating in the afternoon.
Drawing, Saturday forenoon.
All branches taught in both languages.
EVENING SCHOOL.
Hours, from 7 to 9.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and
Saturday, German and English languages.
Tuesday and Friday, Arithmetic and
Drawing.
Technical Drawing a specialty, by
Math. Frank.
TERMS.—Day School, 50 cents per
month. Evening School, \$1.50 per
month.
For further information call at the
school, or on H. Metz, East Main street.
Dec. 1 d&w
LIST OF LETTERS
Remaining at the Post Office at Deca-
tur, Macon Co., Ill., Dec. 6, 1876.
Berry Kate J. McCormick Martha
Bradley J. C. Neal Rosal
Bradley Quincy D. Parker E. J.
Carson William Parker Robert (2)
Crawford B. W. Powers Scott (2)
Dillman Geo. Russell C.
Dennis Katie Stewart Belle
Elliott Elizabeth Steward John
Fleck Benjamin Steward John
Fombell Alex Stephens E. A.
Field Mary M. Smith L. E.
Garver Robert Stranon Mattie
Heron Scott Taylor John
Hewkins L. J. Willard A. J.
Hogans John (2) Willard Bettie H.
Hall Harley S. Whitlock James
Kelley Cora Williamson Thomas
Milligan P. Whitehouse Wm.
Miller E. S. Woods Miss E. E.
Moore A. T.
R. PLYTLE, P. M.
A CARD.
WARRENSBURG, ILL., Nov. 27, '76.
MESSRS. EDITORS:—Will you please
allow me a small space in one of your
weekly columns in which to say, once
for all, to an "innumerable host" of
restless inquirers, that when on my trip
to the Centennial, I had no dealings or
conservation, so far as I know, with
any "sharpers," or "confidence men,"
as they are called; and that I did not
lose a single cent of money in any way
whatever. Also, that the Warrensburg
M. E. church excursion, August 17th,
1876, was not gotten up for my benefit,
but every dollar of the net proceeds
was applied upon church debts.
Yours respectfully,
REV. W. D. HORNBECK.
500 Pairs Old Dominion Buck
Gloves, Mitts and Gauntlets, for ladies
and gents—the best and cheapest in
America. And as parties from *Deatur*
and *Marva* are selling inferior gloves,
which they falsely represent as the "Old
Dominion Buck Gloves," we caution
the public against the fraud, as we con-
trol the entire production, and none are
genuine that are not stamped with the
name of "Geo. H. Ott" on the inside.
Oct 17 d&w Linn & Scruggs.
Grand Ball.—The Concordia Club
will give a grand ball in their hall, on
Wednesday evening, Dec. 13. Mem-
bers and their friends are cordially in-
vited.
THE COMMITTEE.
Dec 5 d&w
16 Yards Good Calico for \$1.00, 21
yards bleached cotton for \$1.00; 12
yards good Canton flannel for \$1.00.—
All-wool Flannels, Blankets and Repel-
lants, at extremely low prices, at
Oct 16 d&w LINN & SCRUGGS.
CONSUMPTION!
Can be Cured.
This FACT has been fully demonstrated
in more than
10,000 CASES,
—BY—
Dr. S. D. HOWE,
of New York, the GREAT
CONSUMPTION DOCTOR
Proprietor of the
Arabian Medicines,
Celebrated throughout the world for their
remarkable cures. Consumption can now
certainly be cured by the use of
Dr. Howe's Arabian Milk Cure!
Dr. Howe's Arabian Tonic!
Dr. Howe's Arabian Lung Pills!
THE PULS, by the use of which the liver
is aroused into healthy action, the stomach
cleansed, and the bowels regulated.
The ARABIAN TONIC cleanses the sys-
tem of all corruption, makes new blood,
gives strength, and creates an healthy man-
ner, causing the irritation, and thus con-
sumption may be cured.
Price of Milk Cure and Tonic, each
per bottle; six for \$5.00. Pills, 25 cents
per box; five boxes for \$1.00.
SOLD BY
Hubbard & Swearingen, Druggists,
Sole Agents for Decatur, Ill.
DR. S. D. HOWE, Proprietor,
New York.

LINN & SCRUGGS
Now offer, at Wholesale and Retail,
The Largest, Best
and Cheapest Stock of
DRY GOODS
Ever Opened in this market.
DRESS GOODS, in all the Newest
CLOAKS, the most fashionable and their
able styles.
SHAWLS, in great variety.
BLACK and COLORED CASHMERE,
very cheap.
FURS, in every grade and style.
BLACK SILKS, that cannot be equalled
in quality and price.
OUR PERFECTION ALPACAS, unsurpassed
for beauty and excellence.
OUR CORSETS are Retailed at Jobbers'
prices.
BLANKETS and FLANNELS for the mil-
lion.
RIBBONS, DRESS TRIMMINGS and
NOTIONS.
MERINO UNDERWEAR, for ladies, gents
and children.
GLOVES, HOSIERY, HOOPSKIRTS and
PANNIERS.
VELVETSKIRTS, in new and beautiful styles.
CLOAKING CLOTHS, CASSIMERES and
SUITINGS.
TABLE LINENS, NAPKINS and TOW-
ELINGS.
FANCY GOODS, BASKETS & SATCHELS.
CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, WOOL, and
LACE CURTAIN GOODS.
TICKINGS, FEATHERS and SHIRTINGS
together with an endless variety of other
goods, which it would be impossible to enu-
merate.
Never buy until you examine goods
and prices, at **LINN & SCRUGGS**
Immense Stock.
CARPETS,
OIL CLOTHS,
DRUGGETS, & C.
Embrace everything that is new in Design
and Color—LOW AS THEY CAN BE BOUGHT
IN ANY CITY IN THE UNITED STATES.
LINN & SCRUGGS.
Although our entire stock is a w.
N. B. we have had ten years' experience
in the Carpet trade before coming to Deatur,
and therefore have nothing to learn,
except the prices, which are lower than was
ever before known in the history of the
country.
LUTHER L. FERRISS,
(Successor to POWERS, FERRISS & CO.)
Has Every Variety of Goods required in a
FIRST-CLASS BOOT & SHOE STORE.
Prices now marked down to **BED ROCK**
BOTTOM. One Price to All.
Exclusive Agent in Decatur for the Sale
of the Celebrated **BURT'S BOOTS** and
SHOES, both for gentlemen and ladies' wear.
Don't be inveigled into buying
shoddy Goods of "Wild Cat
Stores," when you can certainly
get good Goods for less money of
L. L. FERRISS.
Nov. 16, 1876—d&w
J. H. LEWIS & CO.
Holiday Goods.
FINE BOHEMIAN COLOGNE SETS, with Vases to match.
BOHEMIAN VASES, in large variety.
PARIAN MARBLE BUSTS and STATUARY.
FRENCH BRONZE and LAVA STATUARY.
MOTTO CUPS and MUSTACHE CUPS.
Large assortment of CHINA MANTLE ORNAMENTS & VASES.
SMOKING SETS, in new and handsome designs.
DRESSING CASES, for ladies or gentlemen.
WORK BOXES and FANCY GLASS BOXES.
DOLLS, in China, Bisque, Wax and Rubber.
PATENT INDESTRUCTIBLE DOLLS with hair.
DOLL'S PERAMBULATORS, BEDSTEADS, CRADLES,
TRUNKS, SHOES and STOCKINGS, and a variety of DOLL
FURNITURE.
SLEDGES, WAGONS and CARTS.
WORK BASKETS and WILLOW WORK STANDS.

IN STAPLE GOODS!
OUR ASSORTMENT IS LARGE.
BRONZE LAMPS and LIBRARY LAMPS.
CHINA TEA and DINNER SETS.
PLATED KNIVES, FORKS, SPOONS, CASTERS, NAPKIN
RINGS, KNIFE RESTS, &c.
A fine lot of CARVING KNIVES and FORKS.
Our stock has never been more complete, and is not equalled in
Decatur. While it would be easy to say that we sell cheaper than any
one else, we prefer to invite your inspection.
J. H. LEWIS & CO.
Decatur, Nov. 28, 1876—d&w
Holloway's Pills.—The blood is
the very essence of health and life. It
furnishes the components of flesh, bone,
muscle, nerve and integument. The
stomach is the apparatus—the arteries
the distributors and the intestines the
channels by which the waste matter is
carried off. Upon the stomach and
bowels, these medicines act simultane-
ously. 25 cents per box or pot.
1 d&w
The Handicraft and Cheapest
BLACK SILKS
ever opened in Decatur, at
April 7 d&w LINN & SCRUGGS.
At the New Meat Market, on Church
street, you will find beef, pork, chick-
ens and all the meats of the season.
Nov. 28 d&w
For Sale.—A good frame dwelling
with seven rooms, eight closets and
pantries, cellar, well, elstern and other
improvements. Lot 100 by 150 feet, well
filled with bearing fruit trees and vines.
Apply at this office. oct28 d&w
DAVIS' NURSERY.
Has now ready for fall delivery 200,000
Apple Trees, 10,000 Evergreens, 20,000
Shade Trees; also, hundreds of Cherry,
Pear, Peach and Plum Trees, Grape
Roots, &c. Order at once. Anything
in the nursery line—will get and insure
this spring, if wanted. Prices and cata-
logues on application to
H. W. Davis,
Box 141, Decatur, Ill.
I have also for sale at my Nurseries,
eggs for hatching, fresh and genuine,
from select birds of the following
breeds: Buff, Cochin, Black Cochin,
Partridge Cochin, Light Brahma, Dark
Brahma, Plymouth Rocks and Hou-
dane.
Also, the best WATER ELEVATOR
known; draws with two buckets. Throw
out your pumps and draw off the surface
water and preserve your health. Prices
and description on application to
H. W. Davis,
Decatur, Ill.
Feb. 15 d&w
Patents procured by L. P. Graham, at
West Wood street. July 31 d&w
KEY TO LOAN!
—OF NEW YORK.
ANS MONEY
City and Country Real Estate,
s from \$1,000 Upwards,
PER CENT INTEREST.
T. CUSSINS, Agent.
of \$200 and upwards placed on
querty at 150%—d&w
BUTTER.
and DAIRYMEN, do you wish
FIVE CENTS MORE a pound
Butter? Address at once A. H.
& 20, 100 Madison Street, Chicago.
Nov. 11, 1876—d&w

